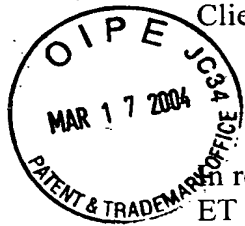


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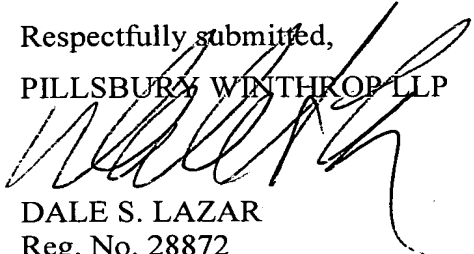
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2004, Applicant provisionally elects Species A, illustrated in Figures 1-3 and 14-16, with traverse. Claims 1-5 read on Species A.

Contrary to the suggestion in the Office Action, claims 1-4 are sufficiently broad to read on all species.

In view of the above, it is believed this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully solicited.

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